

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A stabilizer for vehicles, comprising:

a torsion portion extending in a width direction of a vehicle;

arm portions extending in a forward or backward direction from ~~both~~ side
opposite end portions of the torsion portion;

~~straight portions provided in a vicinity of both side proximate to the opposite~~ end
portions of the torsion portion, the straight portions extending along with an axial
direction thereof;

~~leading~~ end portions of the arm portions,

the ~~leading~~ end portions of the arm portions being mounted to the vehicle, and
the straight portions being mounted to the vehicle via bushes; and

~~a stopper provided at to one of the straight portions, the stopper preventing one
of the straight portions from moving more than a predetermined distance in an axial
direction with respect to one of the bushes, which is provided to one of the straight
portions bush.~~

2. **(Currently Amended)** A ~~The~~ stabilizer for vehicles according to claim
1, wherein the ~~stoppers are respectively~~ stopper is provided at ~~both~~ to opposite sides of
one of the bushes.

3. **(Currently Amended)** A ~~The~~ stabilizer for vehicles according to claim
2, wherein the stopper has a ring-shaped portion.

4. (Withdrawn) A stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 3, wherein a notch allowing the stopper to pass through the leading end portion of the arm portion is formed in the inside of the ring-shaped portion.

5. (Currently Amended) A The stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 2, wherein the stopper has a C-shaped portion and is caulked ~~to be fixed around~~ one of the straight portions portion.

6. (Currently Amended) A The stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 2, wherein the stopper has a U-shaped portion and is fit to ~~be fixed around~~ one of the straight portions portion.

7. (Withdrawn) A stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 2, wherein the stopper is made of rubber and is fastened by a clamper to be fixed around the straight portion.

8. (Withdrawn) A stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 1, wherein the stopper is provided in the inside of one of the bushes.

9. (Withdrawn) A stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 8, wherein a hollow portion having inner walls at both side ends thereof is formed in the bush and the stopper is held by the inner walls.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles, comprising: the stabilizer including a torsion portion extending in a width direction of a vehicle; arm portions extending in a forward or backward direction from ~~both side~~ opposite end portions of the torsion portion; straight portions provided ~~in a vicinity of~~ ~~both side~~ proximate to opposite end portions of the torsion portion, the straight portions extending along with an axial direction thereof; leading end portions of the arm portions,

the leading end portions of the arm portions being mounted to the vehicle, and the straight portions being mounted to the vehicle via bushes,[[;]] the method comprising the steps of:

fixing a stopper at to one of the straight portions, the stopper preventing one of the straight portion portions from moving more than a predetermined distance in an axial direction with respect to one of the bushes which is provided to one fo the straight portions the bush;

mounting one of the straight portions portion, which is in the vicinity of proximate to the stopper, to the vehicle via one of the bushes a bush; and

mounting another of the ether straight portion portions to the vehicle via another of the bushes bush.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A The method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 10, wherein the stopper is stoppers are respectively provided at both to opposite sides of one of the bushes.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A The method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 11, wherein the stopper has a ring-shaped portion.

13. **(Withdrawn)** A method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 12, wherein a notch allowing the stopper to pass through the leading end portion of the arm portion is formed in the inside of the ring-shaped portion.

14. **(Currently Amended)** A The method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 11, wherein the stopper has a C-shaped portion and is caulked to be fixed around one of the straight portions portion.

15. (Currently Amended) A The method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 11, wherein the stopper has a U-shaped portion and is fit to be fixed around one of the straight portions portion.

16. (Withdrawn) A method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 11, wherein the stopper is made of rubber and is fastened by a clamper to be fixed around the straight portion.

17. (Withdrawn) A method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 10, wherein the stopper is provided in the inside of one of the bushes.

18. (Withdrawn) A method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 17, wherein a hollow portion having inner walls at both side ends thereof is formed in the bush and the stopper is held by the inner walls.